

**BOROUGH OF DUMONT  
BERGEN COUNTY, N.J.  
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES  
APRIL 21, 2010  
7:00 PM**

Mayor McHale called the meeting to order at 7:08 PM

**Flag Salute; Silent Prayer**

**Sunshine Law:** The notice requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act of the State of New Jersey have been satisfied by the inclusion of the date, time and place of this regular meeting in the annual schedule and notice of regular meetings of this Governing Body. Such annual schedule and notice of regular meetings is posted at Borough Hall, was sent to *The Record* and the *Press Journal*, posted on the Borough website and filed with the Borough of Dumont on January 5, 2010.

**Roll Call:**

Council members Carrick, Caspare, Freeman, Manna, Stylianou, Zamechansky-present  
Mayor McHale-present

Motion to Accept Agenda with resolution #117 pulled from the agenda, resolutions #113, #115 and #118 moved to non-consent agenda: Councilman Manna

Second: Councilman Stylianou

All in favor.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Motion to approve the March 16, 2010 Executive Meeting minutes: Councilman Caspare

Second: Councilwoman Zamechansky

Roll call vote: Council members Carrick, Caspare, Freeman, Manna, Stylianou,  
Zamechansky-yes

Roll call vote: Council members Caspare, Freeman, Manna, Stylianou, Zamechansky-yes  
Councilman Carrick-absent (during approval of these minutes)

Motion to approve the March 16, 2010 Public Meeting minutes: Councilman Manna

Second: Councilman Stylianou

Roll call vote: Council members Carrick, Caspare, Freeman, Manna, Stylianou,  
Zamechansky-yes

Motion to approve the March 16, 2010 Closed Session minutes; Councilman Stylianou

Second: Councilman Caspare

Roll call vote: Council members Carrick, Caspare, Freeman, Manna, Stylianou,  
Zamechansky-yes

Motion to approve the April 6, 2010 Executive Session: Councilman Carrick

Second: Councilman Caspare

Roll call vote: Council members Carrick, Caspare, Freeman, Manna, Stylianou,  
Zamechansky-yes

## **Administrator's Report**

Mr. Perkins reported that they have been in contact with Homeland Security and FEMA regarding application for reimbursement of monies incurred during the March 12, 2010 storm. Residents can apply for a low interest loan for damage to their homes.

Lt. Conner, Mr. Ebenhack and he will be meeting Friday for a meeting with FEMA.

The timeline for completion of the Washington, New Milford, Virginia Avenue intersection is May 15<sup>th</sup>.

The Borough Clerk had applied for and received a Paris Grant through the County which enabled the Borough Clerk's office to receive a computer, scanner and training for the scanning of documents. In the past, the bids came in at tens of thousand of dollars.

## **Council Committee Reports**

- Councilman Caspare

### *Fire Department*

During the month of March there were 68 alarms and 1058 man hours.

### *Ambulance Corps*

The Councilman met with the Board of Governors March 30<sup>th</sup>. They are having trouble covering daytime shifts.

- Councilman Stylianou

### *Ordinance & Resolution Committee*

There have been meetings twice a month to discuss "Pay to Play" reform. Representatives of surrounding towns have been asked to attend in order to get their input on their ordinances pertaining to this subject. Members of Citizens Campaign and a councilwoman from Fair Lawn have come to give presentations. The next meeting is scheduled for April 28<sup>th</sup> and is open to the public.

### *Environmental Commission*

There will be a meeting tomorrow night. These meetings are also open to the public.

### *5K Run*

There will be a pasta dinner which will take place September 10, 2010. The Knights of Columbus has donated everything. All the money earned, therefore, will go to "Dumont Families in Need".

The Run will take place September 11<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers are needed.

- Councilman Freeman

### *Board of Education*

On April 15<sup>th</sup> their three year district technology plan was approved.

Graduation is planned for June 23<sup>rd</sup>.

The school is looking into charging students activity fees for after school activities.

The school budget was defeated.

The teacher negotiations are at an impasse.

- Councilwoman Zamechansky

### *Senior Citizens*

Council members Zamechansky and Manna and Mr. Perkins led a budget discussion at the Senior Center. There were approximately thirty residents in attendance.

The Senior Citizen Prom will be May 8<sup>th</sup> at the high school.

### *Recreation*

Summer Recreation fees will stay the same as last year at \$135.00 per child  
Christopher DeAngelis Park will be rededicated May 23<sup>rd</sup>.

This Saturday the Babe Ruth Field will be renamed Veteran's Memorial Field.

### *Celebrations*

Last night the Celebrations Committee hosted a meeting with more than fifteen VFW members and their families. The meeting was called due to concerns about the shortened Memorial Day parade route and Honorary Grand Marshall and a lack of communication. The Celebrations Committee will run the parade this year but in the future the VFW will form a committee to organize it.

Council members Manna and Zamechansky attended a very informative seminar pertaining to Social Media for Public Officials.

- Councilman Manna

The Councilman and Mr. Perkins attended a Chamber of Commerce meeting. Michael A. Brown is the new president.

Councilman Manna, Councilwoman Zamechansky and Mr. Perkins attended a ceremony recognizing volunteers of Bergen County. The Dumont volunteers recognized included Ray Slaman, Chris Baguer, Rich Correa, William Newman, Michael Falcone and Dan Harrison.

### *Finance*

Since the budget introduction the committee has met with department heads and contracted employee representatives. The situation the Borough faces this year and next was explained. There have been two town hall meetings. There were about thirty people in attendance at the Senior Center and only one person at the Borough Hall meeting.

The Councilman stated that he would be recusing himself from Board of Education budget discussions due to a conflict of interest. Councilman Freeman will be leading the negotiations.

### *Police*

The Dispatch Center received 8704 phone calls. The Patrol Division investigated 35 motor vehicle accidents. The Detective Bureau investigated 63 criminal cases.

Chief Venezia received correspondence thanking the police department for their help.

- Councilman Carrick

### *Shade Tree Commission*

Arbor Day will be held Saturday.

### *DPW*

There were 10 sewer jobs and a total of 334 miles of streets swept in March. There were 87 Stop & Shop carts collected also. Storm cleanup is continuing.

### **Mayor's Report**

The next Mayor & Council meeting is scheduled for May 4, 2010. However, that night there is a course being offered by Continuing Legal Education, which will focus on "Pay to Play" reform. At a minimum, the Mayor and Ordinance Committee members will be attending the seminar. Since there will not be a quorum for the May 4<sup>th</sup> meeting, the Mayor requested that the meeting be rescheduled for May 11, 2010.

Mayor McHale thanked everyone for their patience during the reconstruction of the Intersection.

The Mayor explained that after a school budget is defeated, the School Board is encouraged to deliver documents within two days to the Municipal Clerk. They are required to provide that information by April 28<sup>th</sup>. The matter must be resolved by May 19, 2010. There is a webinar pertaining to Defeated School Budgets scheduled for tomorrow, which should be helpful.

**Review of Consent Agenda Items:** All items with an asterisk are considered to be non-controversial by the Council and will be approved by one motion. There may be further discussion prior to the vote upon request of a member of the public or a Council member. Also, any item may be removed for further discussion or for roll call vote in which case the item will be removed and considered in its normal sequence as part of the general order of business.

### **RESOLUTIONS**

- #10-113 Bills List (on non-consent)
- #10-114 “Boot Toss” Fund Drive for Fire Department Squad Company #1 \*
- #10-115 Opposition to Repealing Bergen County Blue Laws (on non-consent)
- #10-116 Silver Star Banner Day \*
- #10-117 Award of Solid Waste Collection Contract (pulled from agenda)
- #10-118 Ratification and Approval of the Dumont DPW Contract (on non-consent)
- #10-119 Ratification and Approval of the Dumont Police Contract \*
- #10-120 Award of Quote for EIT Phase II Test Pits-\$15,450 \*
- #10-121 Authorization of Bond Anticipation Note \*
- #10-122 Approval of Waiving Building Department Permit Fees Resulting from Storm of March 12, 2010 \*
- #10-123 Approval of “White Cane” Fund Drive to be held June 5, 2010 \*
- #10-124 Approval of Extension of United Water Distribution System in Short Street \*
- #10-125 Approval of St. Mary’s Off-Premise 50/50 Raffle to be held June 7-June 12;  
ID # 109-1-471, RL#318 \*
- #10-126 Approval of St. Mary’s Carnival Amusements Raffle to be held June 7-June 12;  
ID # 109-1-471, RL#319 \*
- #10-127 Approval of St. Mary’s On-Premise 50/50 Raffle to be held June 7-June 12;  
ID # 109-1-471, RL#320 \*
- #10-128 Matthew Ferraro-Approval of Transfer from Company 1 to Company 2 \*
- #10-129 Marcello Tartaglione-Approval of Application as Member of the Dumont Fire Department Truck Company 2 \*
- #10-130 William Erichsen-Approval of Application as Member of the Dumont Fire Department Truck Company 2 \*
- #10-131 Nicholas Medina-Approval of Application as Member of the Dumont Fire Department Truck Company 2 \*
- #10-132 Amendment to Temporary Capital Budget \*
- #10-133 Authorization to Apply to Local Finance Board in Connection with Issuance of General Improvement Bonds \*
- #10-134 Award of Bid-Lightning Detection System-\$35,820 \*
- #10-135 Approval of Animal Control Services Agreement with the County of Bergen for 2010-\$27,304.68 \*

#10-136 Approval of Bergen County Department of Health Services Interlocal Agreement for 2010-\$56,254.02 \*

#10-137 Approval of Health Awareness Regional Program (HARP) Agreement-two years-\$22,211.00 per year \*

#10-138 Approval of St. John's Council #1345 Off-premise 50/50 Cash Raffle to be drawn June 19, 2010; RL# 321, ID# 109-6-7021 \*

Motion to adopt: Councilman Manna

Second: Councilman Stylianou

Motion to open to the public: Councilman Stylianou

Second: Councilman Manna

All in favor.

Motion to close to the public: Councilman Manna

Second: Councilman Caspare

All in favor.

Roll call vote: Council members Carrick, Caspare, Freeman, Manna, Stylianou, Zamechansky-yes

Motion carried.

Non-Consent Agenda

#10-113 Bills List

Motion to adopt: Councilman Stylianou

Second: Councilman Freeman

Motion to open to the public: Councilman Stylianou

Second: Councilman Freeman

All in favor.

Motion to close to the public: Councilman Stylianou

Second: Councilman Caspare

All in favor.

Roll call vote: Council members Carrick, Caspare, Freeman, Stylianou

Council members Manna and Zamechansky-abstained

#10-115 Opposition to Repealing Bergen County Blue Laws:

Motion to adopt: Councilman Manna

Second: Councilwoman Zamechansky

Councilman Freeman asked for corroboration of figures stated in the resolution.

It was a bi-partisan vote at the County level to vote against the repeal.

Motion to open to the public: Councilman Stylianou

Second: Councilman Carrick

All in favor.

Motion to close to the public: Councilman Manna

Second: Councilman Caspare

All in favor

Roll call vote: Council members Carrick, Caspare, Manna, Stylianou, Zamechansky

Councilman Freeman abstained.

#10-118 Ratification and Approval of DPW Contract

Motion to adopt: Councilman Stylianou

Second: Councilman Carrick

Motion to open to the public: Councilman Manna

Second: Councilman Stylianou

All in favor

Motion to close to the public: Councilman Manna

Second: Councilman Stylianou

Roll call vote: Council members Carrick, Caspare, Manna, Stylianou, Zamechansky  
Councilman Freeman abstained.

## **ORDINANCES**

### *Second Reading*

**#1408** Calendar Year 2010 - Ordinance to Exceed Municipal Budget Appropriation  
Limit and Establish Cap Bank (NJSA 40A:4-45.14)

Motion to waive formal reading: Councilwoman Zamechansky

Second: Councilman Stylianou

All in favor.

Motion to open to the public: Councilman Stylianou

Second: Councilman Manna

All in favor.

Motion to close to the public: Councilman Carrick

Second: Councilman Manna

All in favor.

Motion to adopt on second reading: Councilman Manna

Second: Councilwoman Zamechansky

Roll call vote: Council members Carrick, Caspare, Freeman, Manna, Stylianou,  
Zamechansky-yes

Motion carried.

### *First Reading*

**#1409** Bond Ordinance-Handicap Access Improvements to Dumont Library and Dumont Senior Center, providing an appropriation of \$225,000 therefor and authorizing the issuance of \$213,750 of bonds and/or notes of the borough for paying the cost of said improvements authorized to be undertaken in and by the Borough of Dumont, in the County of Bergen, New Jersey

Motion to waive formal reading: Councilman Caspare

Second: Councilman Manna

All in favor.

Councilman Freeman pointed out that this bond ordinance includes grants from Community Development in the amount of \$178,000.

Motion to adopt on first reading: Councilman Stylianou

Second: Councilman Manna

Roll call vote: Council members Carrick, Caspare, Freeman, Manna, Stylianou,  
Zamechansky-yes

Motion carried.

Motion to open to the public: Councilman Caspare

Second: Councilman Manna

All in favor.

1. Diane Shoppe of 14 Bergman Terrace stated that the Governing Body should think of the children when considering the school budget.

Motion to close to the public: Councilman Carrick  
Second: Councilman Manna  
All in favor.

Mayor McHale wished the record to reflect Councilman Carrick be nominated as alternate to the Finance Committee- Resolution #10-139

Motion to adopt: Councilman Stylianou

Second: Councilman Manna

Roll call vote: Council members Carrick, Caspare, Freeman, Stylianou, Zamechansky-yes

Councilman Manna-abstained

Motion carried.

Motion to recess: Councilman Stylianou

Second: Councilman Freeman

All in favor.

Motion to return to public session: Councilman Manna

Second: Councilman Carrick

All in favor.

Councilman Manna has reached out to the Shared Services Committee as part of the ongoing process within the Budget Committee to identify what departments have and what shared services might be available in neighboring towns.

Mayor McHale read the resolution to go into closed session to discuss potential litigation and contract negotiations.

Motion to adopt: Councilman Carrick

Second: Councilman Manna

Roll call vote: Council members Carrick, Caspare, Freeman, Manna, Stylianou, Zamechansky-yes

Motion to return to public session: Councilman Stylianou

Second: Councilman Freeman

All in favor.

Councilman Freeman stated that after reviewing the school budget he noticed that the \$1.3 million one-time stimulus money the school received was put into their operating budget. He added that a key factor is supplies per student.

Motion to adjourn: Councilman Carrick

Second: Councilman Freeman

All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

Susan Connelly, RMC

Borough Clerk